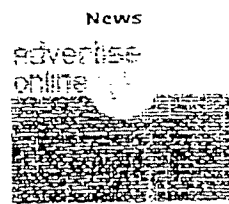


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Detroit mayor ordered to give answers

Judge OKs request for Kilpatrick query

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Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick must respond to questions about his personal life that he avoided answering earlier this summer and also must provide scores of text messages from his pager, a Wayne County judge ruled Friday.

Circuit Court Judge Michael Callahan determined that attorney Michael Stefani will have one hour to ask Kilpatrick more than 100 questions under oath. Callahan eliminated about 50 additional questions Stefani wanted to ask the mayor. But Stefani will be permitted to ask Kilpatrick whether he is having an affair with his chief of staff, Christine Beatty.

Stefani said Callahan's ruling will "let me cover what I think to be all the areas that I wanted to get into."

Kilpatrick's attorney, Samuel McCargo, called Callahan's decision "extraordinary."

"Even Bill Clinton wasn't deposed twice in the same case," he said Friday.

In a two-hour deposition on June 26, McCargo advised Kilpatrick not to answer questions about alleged relationships with Beatty or other women.

The mayor did testify that a former bodyguard who accused him of cheating on his wife is a liar. In her own deposition last year, Beatty testified she and the mayor were not sleeping together.

During his June testimony, Kilpatrick ate an apple; Stefani accused him of stalling to duck questions about his personal life. McCargo ended the deposition at the two-hour limit Callahan had set.

McCargo's objections and his repeated interruptions to check the clock as the time limit approached prompted Stefani to ask Callahan for another chance to question the mayor.

Stefani represents former mayoral bodyguards Harold Nelthrope and Walt Harris, as well as former deputy police chief Gary Brown, in lawsuits filed against the city claiming violations of the state's whistle-blower protection act.



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Stefani said he believes Beatty and Kilpatrick had an extramarital relationship, and fired Brown to prevent his investigators from discovering it and other dalliances. The mayor said he removed Brown after Beatty told him she received a vague, anonymous memo accusing Brown of working behind then-Chief Jerry Oliver's back.

Harris, who quit the Police Department, and Nelthrope, who is on stress leave, have accused the mayor of using his police bodyguards to facilitate liaisons with women. They say they faced retaliation after speaking out about alleged wrongdoing by the mayor and his police guards.

Stefani can still ask Kilpatrick about those allegations, but McCargo said Callahan deemed many questions "outlandish."

"When a judge says no, that's a pretty stark indictment of the questions the plaintiff is trying to pose," McCargo said.

Kilpatrick contends that many of Stefani's inquiries are designed to embarrass him and force a settlement. A mediator recommended that the city pay \$2 million in the Brown lawsuit to settle the case. The mayor has refused to do so.

Stefani said he will ask for additional time if an hour is not enough to cover all his questions. McCargo said he will oppose any attempt to take more of the mayor's time. Callahan also ruled that Kilpatrick must provide several months worth of text messages he sent and received around the time of a rumored wild party at the city-owned Manoogian Mansion and the weeks surrounding Brown's 2003 ouster.

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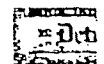


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